

### LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (previously presented) - A method of making a fuel for barbecuing, the steps including:

forming a mixture including liquid and carbonaceous material, said mixture containing anthracite coal as a component thereof,

placing said mixture into a forming device,

compacting said mixture to produce a monolith of carbonaceous material having a fixed form,

introducing an accelerant, said accelerant formed as a slurry, into said forming device containing said monolith of carbonaceous material,

pressing said monolith of carbonaceous material a second time, this second time including said accelerant, whereby said accelerant layer is bonded to and permeates a limited extent into said carbonaceous material, and

drying said monolith of carbonaceous material such that said fixed form is freestanding.

Claim 3 (previously presented) - A method of making a fuel for barbecuing, the steps including:

forming a mixture including liquid and carbonaceous material,

placing said mixture into a forming device,

compacting said mixture to produce a monolith of carbonaceous material having a fixed form,

introducing an accelerant, said accelerant formed as a slurry, into said forming device containing said monolith of carbonaceous material,

pressing said monolith of carbonaceous material a second time, this second time including said accelerant, whereby said accelerant layer is bonded to and permeates a limited extent into said carbonaceous material,

drying said monolith of carbonaceous material such that said fixed form is freestanding, and

affixing fusing means to said accelerant-covered surface.

Claim 4 (previously presented) - A method of making a fuel for barbecuing, the steps including:

forming a mixture including liquid and carbonaceous material,

placing said mixture into a forming device, said forming device having means for creating venting means,

compacting said mixture to produce a monolith of carbonaceous material having a fixed form,

topically coating at least one surface of said carbonaceous material and at least a portion of said venting means with an accelerant in said forming device containing said monolith of carbonaceous material, said accelerant formed as a slurry,

pressing said monolith of carbonaceous material a second time, this second time including said accelerant, whereby said accelerant layer is bonded to and permeates a limited extent into said carbonaceous material, and

drying said monolith of carbonaceous material such that said fixed form is freestanding.

Claim 5 (previously presented) - A method of making a fuel for barbecuing, the steps including:

forming a mixture including liquid and carbonaceous material,

placing said mixture into a forming device, said forming device having means for creating venting means,

compacting said mixture to produce a monolith of carbonaceous material having a fixed form,

coating with an accelerant said monolith of carbonaceous material and an interior surface of said venting means, said accelerant formed as a slurry,

pressing said monolith of carbonaceous material a second time, this second time including said accelerant, whereby said accelerant layer is bonded to and permeates a limited extent into said carbonaceous material, and

drying said monolith of carbonaceous material such that said fixed form is freestanding.

Claim 6 (currently amended) - A method of making a fuel for barbecuing, the steps including:

forming a mixture including liquid and carbonaceous material,  
placing said mixture into a forming device,  
compacting said mixture to produce a monolith of carbonaceous material having a fixed form,  
introducing an accelerant into said forming device containing said monolith of carbonaceous material, said accelerant formed as a slurry,  
pressing said monolith of carbonaceous material including said accelerant, defining said fuel,  
removing said fuel from said forming device,  
drying said fuel such that said fixed form is freestanding, and  
encasing said fuel in a moisture-impervious protective covering ~~until~~ that is removed prior to use, whereby dissipation of said accelerant is prevented until use.

Claim 7 (currently amended) - A method of making a fuel for barbecuing, the steps including:

forming a mixture including liquid and carbonaceous material, said mixture containing anthracite coal as a component thereof,  
placing said mixture into a forming device, said forming device having means for creating venting means,  
compacting said mixture to produce a monolith of carbonaceous material having a fixed form,

introducing an accelerant into said forming device containing said monolith of carbonaceous material, said accelerant formed as a slurry and allowed to coat an interior surface of said venting means,

pressing said monolith of carbonaceous material including said accelerant,

removing said monolith of carbonaceous material including said accelerant from said forming device,

drying said monolith of carbonaceous material such that said fixed form is freestanding,

affixing fusing means to said accelerant-covered surface, and

encasing said fuel in a moisture-impervious protective covering ~~until~~ that is removed prior to use, whereby dissipation of said accelerant is prevented and moisture content of said fuel is held constant until use.

Claim 8 (currently amended) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a monolith of carbonaceous material having a surface, and

an accelerant, said accelerant disposed on a portion of said surface of said monolith of carbonaceous material, said accelerant comprising sodium nitrate, calcium nitrate, and potassium nitrate, and said accelerant present as a gradient of material penetrating into said monolith from said portion of said surface.

Claim 9 (original) - The fuel of claim 8 further comprising fusing means disposed on said accelerant-covered surface of said monolith of carbonaceous material.

Claim 10 (original) - The fuel of claim 8 wherein said monolith of carbonaceous material includes anthracite coal.

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (currently amended) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a monolith of carbonaceous material having a surface, said carbonaceous material comprising charcoal, a binder, and anthracite coal, said surface including venting means, and

an accelerant, said accelerant disposed on a portion of said surface of said monolith of carbonaceous material, as a gradient of material penetrating into said monolith from said portion of said surface, and on a portion of said venting means, said accelerant further including anthracite coal.

Claim 13 (currently amended) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a carbonaceous material having a surface,

venting means in said carbonaceous material,

an accelerant, said accelerant on a portion of said surface of said carbonaceous material, as a gradient of material penetrating into said monolith from said portion of said surface, and on a portion of said venting means, and

fusing means, said fusing means affixed to said surface of said carbonaceous material containing said accelerant.

Claim 14 (original) - The fuel of claim 13 wherein said fusing means overlies one of said venting means.

Claim 15 (previously presented) - The fuel of claim 14 wherein said venting means located under said fusing means is a cruciform shaped-aperture.

Claim 16 (original) - The fuel of claim 15 wherein said cruciform-shaped aperture located under said fusing means is centrally-located in said accelerant-covered portion of said carbonaceous material.

Claim 17 (original) - The fuel of claim 16 wherein said carbonaceous material comprises anthracite coal and wood charcoal.

Claim 18 (original) - The fuel of claim 17 wherein said carbonaceous material comprises 35-90% of anthracite coal and 10-65% of wood charcoal.

Claim 19 (previously presented) - The fuel of claim 18 wherein said accelerant comprises 10-32% barium nitrate and 0.05-5% sodium nitrate.

Claim 20 (original) - The fuel of claim 19 wherein said fuel is formed into a substantially circular shape.

Claim 21 (original) - The fuel of claim 20 wherein said substantially circular shape further includes a plurality of chords defining portions to be removed.

Claim 22 (original) - The fuel of claim 21 wherein said plurality of chords is located on one half of said substantially circular shape.

Claim 23 (previously presented) - The fuel of claim 22 wherein said plurality of chords further includes endpoints on a diameter of said substantially circular shape.

Claim 24 (original) - The fuel of claim 23 wherein said venting means comprise a plurality of circular bores.

Claim 25 (original) - The fuel of claim 24 wherein said venting means further comprise a plurality of elongated slots.

Claim 26 (original) - The fuel of claim 25 wherein said plurality of circular bores and said plurality of elongated slots are arrayed in an alternating pattern radiating outward from said centrally-located cruciform-shaped aperture.

Claim 27 (currently amended) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising:  
a carbonaceous material having an accelerant-containing portion and a body portion, said accelerant-containing portion including a gradient of accelerant penetrating into said body portion, and said carbonaceous material having a shape which is a cylinder including a cross-section which is a circle and a circumscribing sidewall, and having flattened surfaces on said sidewall defined by a plurality of planes cutting through chords of said circle.



Claim 28 (original) - The fuel of claim 27 wherein said plurality of planes is two, having an included angle of 30°, allowing nesting in a substantially toroidal shape.

Claim 29 (currently amended) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising:  
a carbonaceous material having an accelerant-containing portion and a body portion, said accelerant-containing portion including a gradient of accelerant penetrating into said body portion, and said carbonaceous material having zones of designated accelerated heating localized at venting means passing through said carbonaceous material.

Claim 30 (original) - The fuel of claim 29 wherein said zones of designated accelerated heating include a circumscribing peripheral wall of said fuel and bores passing through said fuel defining said venting means and having an accelerant thereon.

Claim 31 (cancelled)

Claim 32 (currently amended) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a monolith of carbonaceous material, said monolith of carbonaceous material comprising 10-65% wood charcoal, 35-90% anthracite coal, and a binder;  
and

an accelerant coating a portion of said monolith of carbonaceous material, and said accelerant present as a gradient of material penetrating into said monolith from said portion of said monolith, said accelerant comprising 45-80% wood charcoal, 10-32% barium nitrate, 0.05-5% sodium nitrate, 1-20% anthracite coal, and a binder.

Claim 33 (cancelled)

Claim 34 (currently amended) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a core having a plurality of facets, said core comprising 20-50% wood charcoal, 50-80% anthracite coal, and a binder; and

an accelerant applied predominantly to at least one facet of said core, and said accelerant present as a gradient of material penetrating into said core from said facet of said core, said accelerant comprising 55-75% wood charcoal, 10-32% barium nitrate, 1-5% sodium nitrate, 5-10% anthracite coal, and a binder.

Claim 35 (currently amended) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a core having a plurality of facets, said core comprising 30-40% wood charcoal, 55-65% anthracite coal, and a binder; and

an accelerant applied predominantly to at least one facet of said core, said accelerant comprising 60-70% wood charcoal, 25-32% barium nitrate, 1-5% sodium nitrate, 5-10% anthracite coal, and a binder.

Claim 36 (cancelled)

Claim 37 (previously presented) - The fuel of claim 17 wherein said carbonaceous material comprises 33-86% anthracite coal and 10-65% wood charcoal.

Claim 38 (previously presented) - The fuel of claim 18 wherein said accelerant comprises 3.05-22% calcium nitrate, 2.5-22% potassium nitrate and 0.05 - 4% sodium nitrate.

Claim 39 (currently amended) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a monolith of carbonaceous material, said monolith of carbonaceous material comprising 10-65% wood charcoal, 32-86% anthracite coal, and a binder; and

an accelerant coating a portion of said monolith of carbonaceous material, and said accelerant present as a gradient of material penetrating into said monolith from said portion of said monolith, said accelerant comprising 48-92.4% wood charcoal, 3.05-22% calcium nitrate, 2.5-22% potassium nitrate, 0.05-4% sodium nitrate, and a binder.

Claim 40 (cancelled)

Claim 41 (currently amended) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a core having a plurality of facets, said core comprising 20-50% wood charcoal, 50-80% anthracite coal, and a binder; and

an accelerant applied predominantly to at least one facet of said core, and said accelerant present as a gradient of material penetrating into said core from said at least one facet of said core, said accelerant comprising 55-75% wood charcoal, 5-15% calcium nitrate, 5-15% potassium nitrate, 1-5% sodium nitrate, and a binder.

Claim 42 (currently amended) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a core having a plurality of facets, said core comprising 20-30% wood charcoal, 65-85% anthracite coal, and a binder; and

an accelerant applied predominantly to at least one facet of said core, and said accelerant present as a gradient of material penetrating into said core from said at least one facet of said core, said accelerant comprising 65-85% wood charcoal, 10-15% calcium nitrate, 5-10% potassium nitrate, 1-5% sodium nitrate, and a binder.

Claim 43 (currently amended) - A fuel for barbecuing, comprising, in combination:

a core having a plurality of facets, said core comprising 85-95% of the total mass of the fuel, and

an accelerant applied predominantly to at least ~~least~~ one facet of said core, and said accelerant present as a gradient of material penetrating into said core from said at least one facet of said core, said accelerant comprising 5-15% of the total mass of the fuel.